

# Greater New York Area SLAA Intergroup Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2011

## I. Opening

The honorable Paul (Communications Chair) presiding in the absence of Kara (Chair)

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Serenity Prayer
- C. SLAA Preamble
- D. SLAA 12 Steps & 12 Traditions
- E. Introductions (Attendees: Paul, Nancy G., Owen H., Michael C., Donald Bl., Kasia, Brenda, Pam, Jasmine, Mark A.)

## II. Reports

- A. Secretary: Minutes from Dec. Meeting read by Paul – Accepted
- B. Treasurer: Mark presented report – see attached – Accepted
- C. Communications Chair: Paul presented – see attached – Accepted
- D. Literature: Nancy presented in Rob's absence - \$550.00 in funds, still awaiting contact by FWS to order literature - Accepted
- E. Share-a-Day: No one with information present

## III. Requests for New Business

None

## IV. Old Business

- A. Election of Treasurer: No volunteers among attendees. Mark will be treasurer for another month. We are still looking for replacement.
- B. St. Francis Insurance: Mark reported that every meeting at St. Francis will be charged a flat rate of \$58.00 this year for insurance. – Accepted
- C. Share-a-Day: Deferred until February
- D. Google Groups: Discussion  
Motion: Continue using Google Groups and join Google Docs to store files.  
3 in favor, 1 opposed, balance abstained. Motion carries.
- E. Domain Registration Renewal: (www.slaany.org) To continue with Go-Daddy (current provider) costs \$17.80 for 2 years. Discussion tabled until February.

## V. New Business

- A. Inspiration Phone Line: Discussion – contract is up in March, Paul proposes moving it over to Vonage as our “response-able” line is – price would be the same as that line. Tabled until February\
- B. Teen Meeting: No action taken. Tabled until February
- C. Request from Counselor: Proposal made that we use newcomer packet plus pamphlet “To the Physician”. Further discussion tabled until February

- D. Complaints regarding phone meetings reported: (One person got no answer when they called the number, one said that a phone meeting was poorly moderated) The consensus was that this is not within our purview. It was suggested that the complainants “attend” the business meeting.
- E. Healthy Relationships Committee: Jasmine spoke of.....
- F. Nancy G. wants to retire from phone service. Jasmine volunteered to replace her.
- G. Rosa and Jacqueline are the Share-a-Day Chair/CoChair. Anyone who would like to support the effort can call Kara.
- H. The Monday Night Women’s Step Writing Workshop Time Change. It now starts at 8:00pm and runs until 9:30. Paul will update the schedule.

**VI. Closing**

We closed with the Serenity Prayer.

**December Intergroup Treasury Report**

<b><u>STARTING BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>NOTES</u></b>
	<b>\$3,213.52</b>	AS OF 11-30-2010
 <b><u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u></b>		
WED NIGHT BROOKLYN MTG	\$47.00	
MORRISTOWN, NJ TUES NIGHT 7:30	\$60.00	
TUES WOMEN'S-7:45 SOLDIERS/SEAMAN'S	\$30.00	
TUES NIGHT ST FRANCIS	\$51.80	
SLAA FWS-AYANA P.	\$102.50	
THURS STEP MTG	\$17.25	
FRI 6:15 ST FRANCIS MTG	\$18.00	
FWS-2009 ABM EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	\$307.71	
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$634.26</b>	
 <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Bank Service Charge	-\$5.06	
Vonage Phone System	-\$14.33	
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$19.39</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$614.87</b>	
 <b><u>ENDING BALANCE</u></b>	 <b>\$3,828.39</b>	 AS OF 1-9-2011

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## December Intergroup Communications Report

### Phone inquiries: December

- 646-703-0048 hit 39 times (including many apparent hangups before end of greeting)
  - 13 voicemails left, most seeking general information re meetings, etc.
  - Phone activity consistent with previous months
  - Four trusted servants are available to respond to phone inquiries. System appears to be working well, thanks especially to Bob, Nancy and Katy.
- 212-946-5298 (inspiration line): Unable to track stats. Our current one-year contract for this number expires in March. Decision needed on whether to keep this number, switch to a Vonage number (NEW number), or discontinue.

### Email inquiries: December

- info@slaany.org: 11 external messages
  - Seven requested info on meetings
  - Al-Anon Share-a-Day on 18 Feb
  - Telemeeting marathon 25 December
  - Request from Maui for any available Basic Texts
- media@slaany.org: 0

### Website

- Visitor stats: December
  - Average about 77 unique visitors per day, almost identical to November.
  - Most popular pages:
    - Meetings (28)
    - Beginners (8)
    - Do I Belong (8)
    - Events Calendar(4)
- Site development: Suggestions always welcome for more effective use of this resource

### Google Group:

- As of January 13, no new files may be uploaded. As of February 2011, *all files and pages* will be removed from the groups.
- *ALL files currently on the group have been downloaded for safekeeping.*
- Options
  - Continue with Google Groups, and use Google Docs to store files. Docs apparently can be shared with the group, but I have not been able to test this. This would be more cumbersome than what we are used to.
  - Continue with Google Groups but upload files to a protected directory on the slaany.org website.
  - Consider using Yahoo Groups. Yahoo permits uploading and storage of a wide variety of files, including MS Word docs and PDFs, but files must be uploaded one at a time, and may NOT be attached to messages. (There is some ambiguity about this.) Yahoo says attachment functionality is something they "will be offering in the future".